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I don't believe that the proposed antitrust settlement is in the public interest.

Given the fact that the Microsoft has been convicted of monopolistic behavior, with that conviction upheld on appeal, any settlement should effectively control that behavior. Instead, this settlement allows Microsoft to continue to leverage their operating system monopoly into unrelated sectors. It allows most of their anticompetitive behavior to continue unabated. It also ignores Microsoft's behavior with respect to previous scantions.

The settlement is so flawed that I cannot simply suggest changes that would fix it. It's so favorable to Microsoft that they might as well have written it themselves. My suggestion is to throw the entire settlement out let the court decide the appropriate sanctions.

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